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**RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this paper in response to the final Office Action dated November 2, 2006.

**Remarks** begin on page 2 of this paper.

Applicants attach a clean copy of the **Pending Claims** for the Examiner's convenience. No amendments are made.